

# POLK NEIGHBOR OF NOTE

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## Missionary To Korea Reviews Years Of Building Christianity

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POLK CITY — Shortly before Japan overstepped her bounds and provoked World War II, an extremely modest, thin-faced missionary humbly returned to the United States from Korea. His brow was naturally tanned and wrinkled, concealing a somewhat saddened yet amazed expression.

For the past 33 years he had adapted himself to the languages and many customs of the Orientals; now he would face the Twenty century modernization of America which was being revealed before him.

It was a fascinating challenge for Dr. George H. Winn, who for more than three decades had tramped the paddies and mountains from Pusan to Manchuria as a "spiritual inviter," who had opened the first leper asylum in Korea, and who had told the Japanese he thought they were too smart to fight America.

### Asked To Return

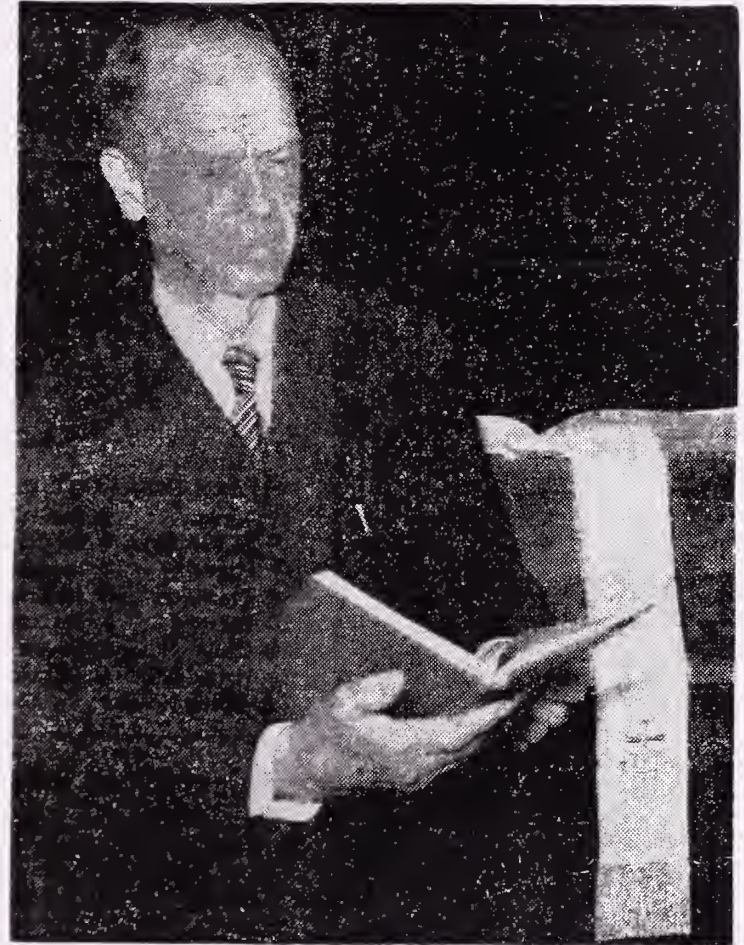
Dr. Winn had been requested to return by his government. He had survived the Bloodless Rebellion of 1919 and numerous civil uprisings in the Far East which followed, and showed little fear of what could develop from the present strained conditions. It was April, 1941, when he led his wife from their home, their belongings and their friends in central Korea.

As the missionary began accustoming himself to the modern world, he thought back nearly half a century when he first set foot on American soil, and then gradually recalled the ensuing years.

His father's uncle had been among the first three Protestant missionaries to land in Japan. In 1877, his father and mother both began their missionary work in Japan, which later became his birthplace. The next generation was his, and he followed his family footsteps.

### Home For School

Around the turn of the century, George H. Winn arrived in Galesburg, Ill., his mother's hometown, to attend high school. Upon graduation, he enrolled in Knox College there, transferred after two years to Occidental College at Los Angeles, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree. In 1908 he



DR. GEORGE H. WINN

ferred to Taegu to again carry on their work in another leper asylum.

For five more years the missionaries were in complete charge of an asylum, "but then a medical doctor took over and I stayed ~~in~~ as pastor of the leper church." *for while*

During this time the Bloodless Rebellion developed in Korea; it was not an open war against the Japanese, but the Koreans demanded some changes. "They did get a number of improvements," Winn claims; "for instance, the spy system was done away with, and the governor generals became favorable toward Christianity. Apparently we made a great impres-

missionary in Japan, and the rest of his children "are either preachers or married to preachers." They, too, are following in their family footsteps.

Next year Dr. George H. Winn intends to return to the Orient to help observe the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first protestant missionary. If possible, he may also return to the war-ravages paddies, and the mountains of the Korea he once knew.

It will be different, though. The Christian Church at Chipyeong, once his namesake, stood directly on the firing line during the Korean war of the early 1950's, and his home, he is told, has been looted and burned.

graduated from the Omana Theological Seminary in Nebraska. The doctor of divinity degree was conferred upon him honorarily at Galesburg some years later, and he prefers to think of it strictly as a "hometown honor."

The same year Winn was graduated at Omaha, the Presbyterian Mission Board asked him to sail for Pusan, Korea, "because the Japanese had begun moving in, and I knew a little of the Japanese language . . . I learned it as a boy."

#### Weds Missionary

In 1910, George Winn married Blanche Lillian Essick, another Presbyterian missionary he had met in Taegu. The same year, Japan completely took over Korea as a protectorate.

"Everybody knew it was going to happen," the missionary recalls, "and there was not much force involved." However, George Winn and his wife were kept under close surveillance because "Japan felt the missionaries were sympathetic toward the Koreans; she was afraid of the church, more or less, for the church was the only organization the entire country had."

Perhaps because of this suspicion, the Winns were sent to Pusan, the southernmost port, to begin a stationary program the country had never seen . . . caring for lepers. A building had been constructed previously, and it was Winn's job to be the administrator, doctor and spiritual inviter to all lepers in the area.

#### Successful Program

The program, including therapeutic treatment and religious teachings was successful, and after four years, the Winns were trans-

sion."

#### Saito Prime Minister

By 1932 "the missionaries had done so well in Korea one Christian became prime minister of Japan," Winn says, referring to Makoto Saito. *misunderstood*

Winn was given more of a free hand to travel during the following years, and at one time he was caring for more than 100 churches "all over Korea, from Pusan to the Yalu River."

However, by the late 1930's, "the Japanese began watching us very closely," the missionary recalls. "I was questioned once as to whether Hitler was going to win out; I told them "it looks as if he's winning out now," but ultimately he would not win, because he was antagonistic toward religion and was fighting against God. Another time when I was asked about the war possibilities, I said I thought the Japanese were too smart to try to fight America."

#### Tension Mounts

The tensions continued to mount, the Germans continued to move across Europe and the Japanese questions continued to get stronger. Early in 1941 the U.S. government requested the Winns to return to America; "a month later it sent another request, and the third wire said it wouldn't be held responsible if anything happened."

"As I prepared to leave, the Koreans put up a church in my memory at Chipyeong. I told them to cancel my name and give it the name Christian Church of Chipyeong." With that, Dr. and Mrs. George Winn packed a few belongings and returned to America. It was the third time they had seen the U.S. since 1908, the other two being "short furloughs."

The Winns had lost two children in Korea, and when they arrived here, they spent much time with their three remaining sons and two daughters.

#### Atlantic City Church

At first, Dr. Winn assumed a pastorate at Atlantic City, but his wife's health began failing, and in 1946 "we moved to Palatka because we were told the Florida climate was good." For three years Dr. Winn was pastor at San Mateo, and in 1949 he retired from the mission and moved to this community. Since then he has supplied at Lake Alfred and other communities, and presently is minister of visitation at the First Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven.

His wife has died and his family has grown up; one son is a

New England recipe, which advised to "stir until tired."

Mr. Lancaster, a native of Worcester, was a large, husky man. As a student at Harvard he played tackle. He interrupted his studies in his sophomore year, 1916, to serve in the Army at the Mexican border. A year later he went to France with the 26th Division, 191st Field Artillery. He became acquainted during this time with the late John P. Marquand and Henry Laughlin, then president of the Houghton Mifflin Company, members of the same regiment.

He was graduated from Harvard in 1919 and spent the next eight years in administrative and sales work in Worcester. Then he joined the Foreign Service. He was vice consul at Kobe, Japan, until 1933.

From 1933 to 1937 he was assistant secretary to the board of governors of the Society of New York Hospital.

His widow is a descendant of George Bancroft, the historian.

### Jerome O'Callaghan Dead; Hartford Courant Executive

HARTFORD, June 20 (AP)—Jerome H. O'Callaghan, executive vice president of The Hartford Courant, died yesterday in Hartford Hospital. He was 68 years old.

Mr. O'Callaghan started his newspaper career as a Courant office boy in 1910.

His service with the paper was broken only by service with the Navy in World War I.

He was named assistant treasurer in 1929; secretary of the company in 1941; a director in 1958, and executive vice president in 1959.

Mr. O'Callaghan was a founder of the Newspaper Personnel Relations Association.

assistant archivist and instructor in the history department.

Dr. Green later was with the Bendix Corporation in Mishawaka, Ind., as office manager. He joined the American Society for Testing and Materials last year.

Dr. Green was a past president of the Michigan chapter, National Office Management Association, and was chairman of its national research committee. He had been chairman of the Board of Public Safety in Niles, Mich.

Surviving are his widow, the former Stella Linauskas; a son, James J., Jr.; a daughter, Corinne Ann.; his mother, Mrs. Jennie Wells Green; a brother and two sisters.

### Dr. Julius Lewy, Ex-Head Of Oriental Society, 68

Special to The New York Times  
CINCINNATI, June 20—Dr. Julius Lewy, a former president of the American Oriental Society, died here yesterday at the age of 68.

Dr. Lewy had been a professor of Semitic languages and Biblical history at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion since 1936.

A native of Berlin, he studied at the Universities of Leipzig and Berlin. He was dismissed in 1933 by the Nazis from his posts as professor and director of the Seminary of Oriental Languages in Giessen.

Later, he taught at the Sorbonne in Paris, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

The Hebrew Union College awarded him an honorary doctorate of Hebrew letters on June 8.

He is survived by his widow, Hildegard.

## Rev. Dr. George Winn Sr. Dies; Missionary in Korea 33 Years

The Rev. Dr. George H. Winn Sr., a Presbyterian missionary to Korea from 1908 to 1941, died Tuesday in Tucson, Ariz., at the age of 80. He was known to the Koreans as John the Beloved because of his work among the sick.

Dr. Winn served throughout Korea, from the port city of Pusan in the south to Kangei in the north. His longest service was in areas around Taegu and Seoul where he founded churches.

He was said to be the only missionary elected by the indigenous Korean Church as moderator of its General Assembly. He was one of the first to work with lepers in Korea.

Fifty years ago Dr. Winn collected 35 varieties of soybeans for the Department of Agriculture, which helped to start soy bean farming here. In return the Agriculture Department sent him American hybrid seeds,

which were introduced successfully into Korean farming.

He was born in Kanazawa, Japan, the son of American missionaries. He was a graduate of Occidental College in California and Omaha Seminary.

After his return from Korea, Dr. Winn was pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Atlantic City and of Presbyterian churches in Florida. For the last several years he was a church caller, visiting the sick at home and in institutions.

His wife, the former Blanche Essick, also a missionary in Korea, died in 1955.

Surviving are 3 sons, the Rev. Paul R. Winn, a missionary in Kyoto, Japan; the Rev. George H. Winn 3d of Ellenville, N. Y., and Thomas C. Winn of the Albany State College for Teachers; 2 daughters, Mrs. H. T. Criswell of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Chilton C. McPheeters of Tucson; 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

case, was the daughter of late Rev. Dr. Augustus Field Beard, pastor of the First Congregational Church on the Green. Miss Beard attended Packer Collegiate Institute in Brooklyn, and was graduated from Bradford Junior College.

For several years she was a librarian in the New York City library system. At that time she wrote columns for The New York Herald and for The Christian Science Monitor.

She also wrote a history of the city of Norwalk and was the author of much research material sued in the local school system over a period of years.

Miss Beard wrote about 20 books for children, several of which she illustrated.

She leaves a sister, Miss Elizabeth Beard.

### Dr. Marjorie Webster, 67, Founder of Junior College

Special to The New York Times  
WASHINGTON, June 19—Dr. Marjorie Fraser Webster, founder and president of Marjorie Webster Junior College here, died Wednesday after a long illness. She was 67 years old.

In 1920 Dr. Webster founded the School of Physical Education and Expression with an enrollment of 23 students. It is now the junior college with more than 400 students.

She was a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Surviving are two brothers, G. Fraser Webster and Donald D. Webster, both of this area.

a former vice president of United Cerebral Palsy of New York and a former president of the Textile Fabrics Association.

He was born in New York and was graduated from Dartmouth in 1923. He devoted his entire business career to the Glass concern, of which his father, the late Max Wilner was a co-founder with Henry Glass.

In World War II as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Mr. Wilner served with the strategic bombing survey in Europe and Japan. He received the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster and the Croix-de-Guerre with palm.

Mr. Wilner was a trustee of Camp Jened, Hunter, N. Y., a camp for handicapped children and adults, and had been a director of the Hospital for Joint Diseases.

### Mrs. Alexander Grosset Sr. Widow of Publisher, Dies

Special to The New York Times  
GREENWICH, Conn., June 20—Mrs. Katharine D. Grosset, of 1 Putnam Hill was found dead of natural causes in her apartment yesterday. She was 60 years old.

Mrs. Grosset was the widow of Alexander Donald Grosset Sr., vice president of Grosset and Dunlap of New York, publishers. He died in 1958.

Mrs. Grosset, who was born in Easton, Pa., held membership in the National Society of Colonial Dames and the Society of Mayflower Descendants, both of New York.

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NY Times  
6/21/63

An account of the life of Phoebe Hinsdale Brown b. 1783 d. 186  
by her great grandson  
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S3. GEORGE HINSDALE (9) WINN (brother of above Mary C. Winn), born July 14, 1882 in Kanazawa, Japan; died June 18, 1963 in Tucson, Arizona. Attended Knox College x 1905. Graduated Occidental College 1905 and Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Omaha, Nebraska 1908. Missionary to Korea 1908-1948, author and translator. Married July 4, 1910 in Taiku, Korea, Blanche L. Essick, b. Oct. 12, 1882, d. Jan. 24, 1955 in Florida. Missionary to Korea 1908-1948.

Children:

1. Paul Rutherford (10), b. April 19, 1912 in Korea. *Four children*
2. Elinor Kingsley, b. May 7, 1913 in Fusan, Korea. *Four children*
3. George Hinsdale, Jr., b. March 7, 1916 in Taiku, Korea. *Three children*
4. Julia Cunningham, b. July 3, 1918 in Taiku, Korea. *Three children*
5. Thomas <sup>Clayton</sup> Clayton, b. March 10, 1920 in Taiku, Korea. *Two children*
6. Samuel, b. 1922 and died in Korea Oct. 6, 1924.

Letters of Georgett. Winn, Sr.

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b. July 14, 1882 in (died  
Kanazawa, Japan (June 1963)

Parents were Thomas Clay Winn  
and Lila Willard Winn

Married Blanche L. Essick  
in 1910 in Korea where both  
were missionaries.

Children: Paul ~~Rutherford~~ Winn,  
Elinor Winn, Georgett. Winn III,  
Julia Cunningham Winn,  
Thomas Cleland Winn



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Dear Children: - This is  
Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday - a so 'y  
day of the week it is just  
years ago today that <sup>to</sup> I  
invited to come out to Kona  
in 1908. Only Friday was  
the 23<sup>rd</sup>. here! Friday the  
23<sup>rd</sup> was good. Bill  
came took me to the station  
and several others were  
present. One girl volunteered  
to say that she would  
keep house! And I all took  
it as a joke as she led to!  
I woke up in a room with  
the ground covered with  
in spots called on some  
friends there. Went out  
town to Colo. Springs for  
our Sunday. I attended the  
M. E. Church, and in the  
even. went to a Dinner Restau-  
rant as I recall ordered  
a dish of "Lili" in came  
with was dinner & coffee

for me. Monday I a-  
rose early & went to Manitowish  
& climbed to the "half way"  
course on Pikes Peak, and  
found snow knee to hip  
deep. My feet got soaked. I  
recall coming down met  
a mother & girl going up. I  
warned them of the snow  
I don't know whether they  
took my warning or not.  
I ran down to the station  
changed my wet shoes &  
got the 12 noon train  
on the Colorado Midland  
R.R. now defunct but is  
an auto road. It was  
famed for its scenery &  
cost more per mile than  
any rail road in the West  
any way, & we did see  
some beautiful scenery  
Now this is 76 years ago  
but fresh as yesterday.  
I went out & met them  
you see etc



Jan 17, 1963

Tucson Ariz.

Dear George & Marcia: -

This is called "Onion skin"  
but I have found no onion odor nor  
do tears come to my eyes. I trust it  
will be innocuous with you & yours.

I hasten to thank you for that fine  
colored photo of you & your family,  
which came to us via Uncle Sam's  
new rates! We think it awfully  
clever a happy family seen - and  
all so happy in having a picture  
taken. I judge it must be before the  
autumn was fully come. It is a hand-  
some group of a handsome family.

I thank you, each one for taking part.  
Well some of our cold weather  
came & spilled over in Tucson. For a  
week we've had real cold weather.  
Ice & frost every night. The mountains  
surely looked like winter. But I

But I expect I'll have to apply more grey matter some how!

I was interested in reading about our eye doctor Dr Reese  
It was a hard choice; to lose the eye or not. But I trust the poor  
little girl will find life worth living. There are many blind  
who have done much for the world - and even lived happily  
& joyful lives. We can surely thank Fanny Crosby for her  
wonderful faith & her wonderful hymns - and think of  
George Matheson & his hymn: "Oh Love that will not let me  
go!" and Helen Keller certainly has done a great & wonderful  
work for the handicapped! - and for us too!

Now I must get this off as soon as possible before the post  
man comes

With our love & our prayers for you & yours and the  
Church. For Geo & Winn - the elder one!

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believe we can expect a "warmer up"! soon  
- if not sooner.

Today we were going to a Presbyterian  
meeting about 60 or 70 miles from  
here. But I got a cold so am stay-  
ing home that I'll be much the  
better on the next turn of night into  
day.

I note Uncle Sam says that  
the new rates on stamps will cost  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per house hold per day.

It's gone higher than that right  
here - according to sensational  
ideas! But we can send to foreign  
countries - the same as before.  
So that will induce 'foreign' letters  
will it not.

I am doing my best to get my in-  
come retentions off. But I find it  
something I could get along with  
out doing if Uncle Sam would let me!  
I think U.S. ought to let octogenarians  
be the list!

I have written to see about changing the names on our  
Investments.

New Year's Day.

Dear Friends:

You are as much in our minds these days as we kneel for our evening prayer for those who (with our own souls) we pray for by name that the first letter of the new year shall be to you.

Ever since I was given phenylbutazone and ~~radio~~ active iodine I have suffered as none of the drugs were good for me and they not only nearly ruined eyes and skin but have made it impossible to control my weight as I ~~can~~ not exer-

use as before and w<sup>o</sup> of it cannot  
resume enuf water.

Many thanks, Paul and Aggie,  
for the photograph of your truly  
charming young daughter - "all 4  
"parents of" - I heard that your  
mother, Paul had had to go to the Hos-  
pital. She surely is most brave.

Tom had a lovely wedding in  
Rhinebeck. I'm sure they will enjoy  
them very - The lovely winter here

Ch. has invited him, Geny Winn, Sr.  
to be ch. caller and that will put him  
on social security - which will be  
a nice supplement to our pension

Poor George had a hard time of it  
as some days I can scarcely walk at all.  
We are just home from eating  
New Years Dinner with friends. →

This winter has turned  
out AWFUL